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BRAZIL JOINS COLOMBIA, PERU IN DRUG FIGHT

PY170043 Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese 2200 GMT 16 May 84

[Excerpt] Brazil has decided to join forces with Peru and Colombia to struggle against drug trafficking. This decision was reached in Brasilia today by Brazilian Justice Minister Ibrahim Abi-Ackel, Colombian Ambassador German Rodriguez Fonnegra, and Peruvian Charge d'Affairs (Carlos Chilizola Dimez).

Minister Abi-Ackel said that the objective is to implement coordinated and simultaneous measures along the borders which these two countries have with Brazil, thus pursuing the goals outlined in antidrug agreements which have been signed in the past.

The justice minister advocated waging a war against drug trafficking along the borders where the lack of police surveillance and the distance makes the establishment and operation of gangs engaged in these activities easier.

SELA TO MEET 22-25 MAY IN HAVANA ON INDUSTRY

FL211830 Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish 2300 GMT 20 May 84

[Text] Ecuadoran Vice Foreign Minister Luis Narvaez today said SELA will meet in Havana, Cuba, on 22-25 May to study the breakdown of the Latin American industrial plant. He noted that the meeting will attempt to form a common front which will give Latin American countries more negotiating power when dealing with highly industrialized nations and make less vulnerable SELA member-countries' development aspirations.

He said Latin American nations should develop and utilize their own particular technology to avoid foreign dependence and the dismantling of the continent's industrial plant.

Narvaez said Cuba had called the meeting, and representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Chile, Uruguay, and Mexico will attend.

Asked about trade between Mexico and Ecuador, Narvaez said relations had been limited due to world economic problems, but added that there exists ample possibilities of increasing trade through the barter system.

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MEXICAN-NICARAGUAN AGREEMENT -- Nicaraguan Labor Minister Benedicto Meneses and Fernando Zentuche, Mexico's deputy secretary of labor and social welfare, signed a technical cooperation agreement during the Third Conference of Labor Ministers of Nonaligned Countries that is currently taking place in Managua. The agreement complements another one signed by Mexico and Nicaragua in 1981. It stipulates that Mexico will maintain a technical adviser at the Nicaraguan Labor Ministry's study center and another one who will be a consultant for productivity and employee-related programs. [Summary] [Managua BARRICADA in Spanish 12 May 84 p 12 PA]

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